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The deadline for the March Journal is 10.00 a.m. on 1 February

All contributions should be sent to the Editor, whose contact details appear opposite

Group meetings

November

7	Women's Land Army <i>Carol is a freelance journalist and historian.</i>	Carol Harris	Sutton
9	The British Almshouse	Dr Judy Hall	Richmond
11	Whatever happened to John? <i>A 172-year-old mystery</i>	Sylvia Dibbs	Croydon
27	County & local sources at the Soc of Gen <i>Learn about the huge collection of records in the Society's library</i>	Sue Gibbons	Lingfield

December

5	Christmas Food and Drink <i>followed as usual by our Christmas drinks and nibbles social gathering</i>	Simon and Sylvia Fowler	Sutton
9	Christmas Lunch <i>Please apply to the Southwark Secretary</i>		Southwark

January

13	An illustrated history of Upper Norwood	Nick Barber	Croydon
18	tba <i>Please note this meeting will take place at Vestry Hall, Richmond upon Thames, and is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in January 2020, which is a week later in the month than is usual</i>		Richmond

February

10	Lavender – Mitcham and beyond <i>Alison is from the Wandle museum</i>	Alison Cousins	Croydon
26	Adoption and Fostering 1850—1930 <i>From informal arrangements to legal adoption, discover how individuals, local authorities, charities and courts all played a role in fostering or adoption of children</i>	Louise Taylor	Lingfield

March

9	Archbishops of Canterbury & Old Palace	David Morgan	Croydon
14	tba <i>Please note this meeting will take place at Vestry Hall, Richmond upon Thames</i>		Richmond

Group meetings

- 25 Delinquents and those who tried to change them Kathy Chater Lingfield
How to find out about child criminals and also discover the people who tried to reform them in the early years of the Probation Service.

April

- 22 Women, the home, and Spanish flu in the Great War Ian Porter Lingfield
The Great War was won on the Home Front: this is the story

May

- 11 Into adventure and sunshine Ian Packham Croydon
In this talk Ian retraces the path his great-uncle took through North Africa and Italy during World War Two, a journey of 1,000 miles.

Group meetings

- Croydon: St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, Croydon CR0 5NQ
2nd Monday (except April, August and December); 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Mary Gill 020 8405 0598 croydon@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield RH7 6AB
4th Wednesday (except August and December); 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Rita Russell 01342 834648 lingfield@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA
2nd Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Veronica McConnell 01372 363015 richmond@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1JA
Second Monday of alternate months; 12 noon (except August when the meeting dates will vary – see the Journal and the Society website). There will be no meeting in December.
Secretary: Hilary Blanford 01634 685219 southwark@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Sutton: St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2RG
1st Thursday; 8.00 p.m. (except April and August)
Secretary: Gillian Alford 020 8393 7714 sutton@eastsurreyfh.org.uk

Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Please check the Society website www.esfhs.org.uk for future meetings and last-minute alterations.

Surrey in the Great War: War and Peace: 1914-19

Monica Polley

This event, which took place in July at Dorking Halls, was a fitting finale to the four-year project run by Surrey Heritage, with many interesting stands and exhibits showing the far-reaching effects of WW1 on the county infrastructure, the lives of those who lived and worked in Surrey and the thousands who went to war.

ESFHS was represented with a stand to advertise the Society, showing two displays highlighting researches.

One detailed the life and service of a Surrey soldier, Sergeant Ernest Percy Randall Smith of the 11th Battalion Kings Royal Rifle Corps, who was killed on 20 September 1917 at the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial in Belgium. The display featured the official dispatch from the King, sent to the families of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and an unofficial certificate, the Golden Roll of Honour, sent some years after the War. This was a private initiative by an unemployed ex-serviceman, hoping that the bereaved family would pay two shillings and sixpence for a personalised memento depicting

the memorial on which the soldier was remembered.

The other display explored the effect and consequences of WW1 on the Cleverly family, a widowed mother and her five children whose ages ranged from 13 to 26 when war broke out. The eldest, James, was my grandfather; he was medically unfit for service. William's service career is still being researched and Ernest Alfred served as a Private in the 1st Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) and was killed at Passchendaele on 31 July 1917. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. The two daughters, Clara and Edith, married ex-servicemen whose war wounds, physical and psychological, played their part in their future lives. Edith contributed to the war effort by working in the Canadian Pay Office in London.

The event was well attended, and we had many enquiries about the Society, our talks and Research Centre, with several people taking our leaflets.



Annual General Meeting 21 March 2020

Save the date!

On Saturday 21st March 2020 the Society will hold an

Open and Study Day

to be followed by the

Annual General Meeting

This will take place at

St Joseph's Hall in Redhill, Surrey.

Further details will follow.

Soldiers' Wills

from a member

I was interested to read the article on page 26 of the July journal about searching for Soldiers' Wills on the website www.gov.uk/probate-search.

I have used the site previously and found a Will for my great-uncle: Alfred John **Walker**, Reg No. S/11068, who died on 18 August 1916 (although he is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial as one of those who have no known grave). The site had been really easy to use previously but I have just tried it again to check if this was still the case, and it was.

I have a couple of comments:

- ◇ On the 'Find A Will' page, remember to click on the 'Soldier's Will' tab
- ◇ If a common name, e.g. WALKER, it is better to use the 'Advanced Search' if more information is already known

However, it is possible to sort the results (in the above case 185 over several pages) by clicking on the blue headings at the top - Surname, First name, Regimental Number or Date of death.

I hope this helps—I am happy for you to do a search for my relative if you wish, so that you can see how it works.

Out of interest, I have a copy of a letter my great-uncle wrote to my grandmother a short time before he was killed; so I had already seen his handwriting. Soldiers were encouraged to write a Will in case of their death and seeing this short-hand -written 'note' on a small piece of paper leaving everything to his wife was indeed very poignant. It also confirmed that he was, in fact, married and confirmed the name of his wife.



How long have you been searching for your ancestors?

Do you have any tips for other family history researchers?

The Editor (contact details inside the front cover)
welcomes any articles or stories for the Journal.

ESFHS Sutton Group will be closing at the end of this year *unless someone comes forward*

Over a year ago Joanna announced at a Sutton meeting that she would retire from the role as chairman at the 2019 AGM, after 13 years of service, but as speakers had been booked until December this year she agreed to stay on. The Executive Committee is sad to announce that still no one has come forward to replace her.

This is now an urgent request for help as speakers for next year cannot be confirmed until we know the Group is viable.

Joanna assures everyone that the position is not onerous – in brief, the task involves

- renewing the annual hall bookings
- opening and closing the monthly meetings
- liaising with the Sutton Secretary who has arranged the speakers for the year

There is always help from members to set up at the beginning, and tidy away at the end, of meetings and Joanna would be very happy to mentor her successor.

Please contact Joanna (at jlreynolds30@gmail.com) or Don Knight (secretary02@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk) for further details or to offer to take on the role.

The Committee would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to Joanna for all she has done over her 13 years in the role at Sutton.

News from Surrey Heritage

First of all, a huge thank you to all those who took part in Surrey County Council's initial consultation on Libraries and Cultural Services which closed on 4 January this year. The comments that you made in the text boxes were fantastic and clearly showed how you value our work at Surrey History Centre, through our online resources and through our talks and activities across the county. Although I have no further news yet on any planned changes to our funding or structure, I can report that SCC will be undertaking a further consultation of for a twelve week period from July to gather opinion on potential changes to Surrey Libraries and Cultural Services in general. This will include Heritage, so please do take part and make your opinions known. All comments are taken into account so please don't get 'survey fatigue' just yet!

Despite this uncertainty, we have continued to be very busy with projects and activities both in Woking and across Surrey. Our HLF project March of the Women: Surrey's Road to the Vote ended in May and the results have now gone live on Exploring Surrey's Past via this link: <https://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/subjects/womens-suffrage/>

[the-womens-suffrage-movement-in-surrey-new/suffrage-indexes/](#)

In the absence of surviving archives for many of the county's suffrage organisations, newspapers have been invaluable for researching the campaign in Surrey. Our tremendous team of project volunteers scoured local newspapers from 1887 to 1918 for references to Surrey's suffrage people, places and events, creating a very useful resource for local, political and family history. The indexes are available as downloadable PDFs and they reveal a lot about who was involved in Surrey's suffrage campaign - not just the great, the good and well-known names but the ordinary men and women who rallied behind the cause, or protested against it. As well as the newspaper indexes, we have created an A-Z index of people who were mentioned in the newspaper reports, with over 11,000 entries.

June is the time when Mike Page, the County Archivist, and I gather together the figures for our annual return to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (CIPFA), so I can report that in the year from April 2018 to the end of March 2019 17,588 people visited Surrey History Centre and 3,258 of them used our public searchroom and

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saw 20,593 items from our strong rooms.

We put on 66 displays at the History Centre and at venues across the county which were seen by a total of 54,739 people. Over 13,000 of these were visitors to Watt's Galley who saw items we had lent to their exhibition, 'Ships of the Imagination' celebrating the live and artistic genius of James Pullen of Royal Earlswood Hospital; and nearly 6,000 were visitors to our exhibition of Woking photographs by Sidney Francis at *The Lightbox*.

Alongside these displays, we put on 108 talks and events throughout the year, attended by 3,026 people and we answered 11,426 enquiries by post, email and telephone. Over 8 million page impressions were made of our collections on our website, on ESP and through our partnerships with Find My Past and Ancestry – testifying to the ever-growing global audience for Surrey's history.

As well as the amazing work of our Heritage Staff, we could not produce the indexes to records or deliver so many successful projects without our volunteers. We now have 224 volunteers across Heritage, including those who work in the archive, on Surrey in the Great War and in archaeology. Together,

between April 2018 and the end of March this year, they gave us a total of 13,627 hours of their time – which is roughly 1,900 working days or 65 hours per person and an amazing achievement. Tens of thousands of names once hidden inside poor law records, newspapers reports and mental hospital records are now searchable on our website and countless archaeological finds have been cleaned and identified – all down to their fantastic work.

Many of you will know that I am leading a team of volunteers in a project to transcribe all references to Surrey that were published in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, the world's very first monthly magazine, between 1731 and 1868. The results of our work will be published in a series of volumes by Surrey Record Society and the first one, covering 1731 to 1754 is due to appear next year. We have now transcribed all of the Surrey references as far as 1812 and provided detailed footnotes for these transcripts up to 1785. Our work already provides an encyclopaedic view of Georgian Surrey in three quarters of a million words which, when published, will be a fascinating resource for Surrey's family and local historians and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my volunteers at

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Surrey History Centre and members of the East Surrey Family History Society's Southwark branch who are working hard to help identify the hundreds of baptisms, marriages and burials in the parishes now forming metropolitan Surrey. There is still plenty to do – transcription, research and trawling through parish registers, so do let me know if you are interested in joining us.

Partnerships lie at the heart of what we do and were key to the success of the 'How We Used to Live' family history day which we held at

SHC in May. This was a day of talks, displays and exhibitions of original documents focussing on sources that can be used to build up a picture of the lives and experiences of our ancestors. The participation of our friends from Brookwood Cemetery Society, the East and West Surrey Family History Societies, Surrey Infantry Museums, and West Middlesex Family History Society ensured that the day was a huge success and we look forward to organising similar events in the near future.



We shall be closed for our annual stock check from Monday 2 to Monday 16 December. We shall re-open on Tuesday 17 until Friday 20 December.

Christmas and New Year opening times are as follows:

21-30 December	closed
31 December	open 9.30-5.00
1 January	closed
2 January	open as usual

New Accessions at Surrey History Centre

630add3

HM Coroner for Surrey: inquest registers, natural death registers, registers of deaths, court lists and certificate logs 1987-2014

1976

Elizabeth Newman of Farncombe: account books, 1822-1863

2300add2

Kingston upon Thames Methodist Circuit: magazine Oct 1939

6674/57

All Saints', Woodham: NADFAS record of church furnishings prepared by The Arts Society Woking, formerly Woking DFAS 2019

6674/58

St Mary the Virgin, Shackleford: NADFAS record of church furnishings prepared by The Arts Society Guildford 2018

6758add4

Guildford Royal Grammar School: 'The Guildfordian' magazines, 1976-1977 1976-1977

7143add2

GQ Parachute Co Ltd, Woking: additional records including publicity material, press cuttings and photographs 1949-1982

7481add6

Broadwood, Bray and related families: additional correspondence, papers and photographs 20th century

8005add1

St John the Evangelist, Milford: additional parish records, including banns register, 1974-1987 and service register 1971-1982, archdeacon's visitation and plans of Chandler School, 1972-1993

8147/add3

David Clarke of Chilworth, theatrical director and pageant master: additional records relating to Guildford Pageant, the Pageant of England and productions by the Cloisters Players 1957-c.1968

9017add13

Robert Bartlett, retired Chief Superintendent, Surrey Constabulary: additional collected papers and photographs of Surrey Constabulary 1968-2019

9623add2

Walton Casuals Football Club: additional notes and records, 1980s-2000s; John Mott of Hersham: items relating to family and local history, including photographs and publications of the Hackbridge and Hewittic Company, Hersham, 1930s

New Accessions at Surrey History Centre

9644add1

Camberley and Frimley: collected papers, including deeds, sale particulars and official programmes 1843-1952

9979add2

Miles family of Haslemere, formerly Shrewton, Wilts: additional records comprising photographs of William and Ann Miles 1870s-1880s

9979add3

Miles and Charman families of Haslemere and elsewhere: additional papers and photographs. Including: Miles family photographs in Shrewton, Wilts; Miles family wedding photograph, 1896; recipe book 20th cent; photographs and papers relating to Haslemere shop etc; papers re Robert Miles; photographs and papers relating to service of Sydney Miles in the Friends Ambulance Unit during World War I late 19th cent-c.1953

10018

Brookehurst Farm, Ewhurst: deed, 11 Nov 1666

10020

John and Gervaise Milward of Raynes Park: diaries, letters and other papers c.1940s-2000s

10021

The Briggs family of Reigate: family photographs, including of The Ball & Wicket Inn, Upper Hale, Farnham 1900s-1920s

10023

St Peter and St Paul, West Clandon: additional parish records, including baptism register, 1878-1970; marriage registers, 1935-2015; banns of marriage registers, 1824-2005; confirmation register, 1923-1970, register transcripts covering 1536-1812; service registers, 1971-2002; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1959-1977

10024

Yvonne O'Neill (1916-1996) and Derek Hudson (1911-2003), journalist and author, correspondence before and shortly after their marriage; Pte AW Lloyd, D Company 19th (Service) Battalion Royal Fusiliers: printed 'The UPS Song Book (including 'D' Doggerel)' nd [1914 x 1918]

10025

Cobham Methodist Church: roll of honour of members on active service during World War II nd [1939 x 1945] 10026
Local Medical Emergency (later War) Committee, Guildford: minute book 1938-1946

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10028

St Mary's Long Ditton: additional parish records, including marriage register, 1992-2018, confirmation register, 1921-1975, service registers, 1982-2000, and papers of Peter Fussell, former churchwarden

10029

Great Tattenhams Methodist Church: additional records, including council minutes, 1989-2005, and annual accounts, 1985-2005

10033

Hambledon Parish Council: records, including annual parish meeting, from 1976 parish assembly minutes, 1894-1998; Parish Council minutes, 1894-1894-2017 17/04/2019 2017; declarations of acceptance of office, 1896-1952; Parish Council receipts and payments books, 1895-2001; Henry Smith Charity receipts and payments book, 1896-1976

10035

St Peter and All Saints, Petersham: additional parish records, as listed on schedule provided by the depositor 1866-2007

10038

Farncombe Football Club: photographs 1900-1922

10039

Thomas McRow, gent, and Sir Robert Collins of Esher, equerry to the Duchess of Albany: notice of subscription for a Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee memorial in Esher, and letter concerning the visit of the Prince of Wales to Berlin 1897; 1902

10041

Netherne Asylum, Coulsdon: head attendant's record of staff 1909-1947

10043

Herbert May Paterson (1872-1955) of Old Riffhams, Little Baddow, Baddow, Essex: album of ink sketches of Surrey and Sussex scenes 1890-1920

10044

Dorking Urban District Council: deposited plans for alterations to White Horse Hotel, Dorking 1884

10045

Walton United Football Club: team photograph 1902

10046

Miss AH Young of Tatsfield: letter about her knitting work 1918

10047

Longnaker Farm, Cranleigh: deed 1580

10048

Ewhurst Youth Hostel: photograph album 1936-1957

New Accessions at Surrey History Centre

10049

St Mary, Oxted: record of church furnishings sponsored by The Arts Society, Limpsfield 2002-2018

10050

Haslemere Co-operative Society: staff photograph c.1920s-1930s

10052

St Mary, Burgh Heath: additional parish records, including baptism register, 1947-2002; marriage register, 1970-1999; banns of marriage registers, 1917-1961, and service registers, 1909-1945, 1950-1961 and 1983-2010 1909-2010

10053

Lyndon Davies (1950-2013), local historian of Woking: additional collected glass plate negatives of Brookwood Cemetery by Sidney Francis, photographer of Woking 1920s-1930s

10054

Holmbury St Mary: additional parish records including registers of baptisms (1879-2001), marriages (1880-2008), burials (1880-1992), confirmations, banns and services (including 1863-1878 collections account); churchwardens' and other papers including re school, Mary Thompson's Charity, benefice, faculties

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Cobham Methodist Church: marriage registers 1937-2014

10057

Holy Trinity, Claygate: additional records, including marriage registers, 1972-2009; banns registers, 1972-1996; service registers, 1975-2010; parish magazines, 1957-2013

10058

Magnus Deo, Lingfield, with Coopers Moore, Godstone, and Sonds Crofts, Tandridge: map nd [c.1710]

MIL/add 1

St John the Evangelist, Milford: registers and Parochial Church Council correspondence 1914-2013

CC1136add

Grayswood Primary School: additional admission register and punishment book 1909-2010

CC1275

Historic Environment Record: research files relating to history of Shepperton, [1842]-1972, and Sunbury, [1890]-1968

Z/142add

Susanna Grece (née Constable), (1790-1879) of Horley and Reigate: journal 1836-1842

New Accessions at Surrey History Centre

Z/534/add1

No 2 Platoon 'D' Coy, Surrey Home Guard: photograph nd [1940 x 1944]

Z/713

Hook Heath Garage, Woking: photographs and biographical information on John Doran MacDonald, the owner (1911-1920)

Z/714

Mrs Louise Zubaidah Ahmad (née Oettinger), later Drew (1908-2006), of Woking, wife of the late Dr Mirza Azizur-Rahman (d.1937), former Imam of the Berlin Mosque, Germany: two captioned photograph albums dedicated to her only child, Suhail Ahmad (b.1949), 1937-1958; and Woking Urban District Council rent record card, 1959-1960; iSuhail Ahmad of Woking (b.1949): research papers relating to his mother and her family, 2012-2018

Z/717

Honour and Scott families of Warlingham: photographs of [Scott] family gathering at Fickleshole Farm, Warlingham, and members of both families posing with F W Honour Builders cart, The Green, Warlingham nd [1910s]

Z/719

Martinsyde Ltd, aircraft and motorcycle manufacturers, Brooklands and Maybury: photographs (1910s)

Z/720

Wye family of Woking: photograph c.1911

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Lieutenant Henry Basil North, East Surrey Regiment: photographs c.1930s -1943

ESR/25add61

Corporal William Henry Goddard, 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: photographs and photocopy of service papers 1930s-1940s

ESR/25ad62

Mott, Private Walter Andrew, 1/6th Battalion East Surrey Regiment: copy of diary of voyage to India, 1914, and copy photographs of East Surrey troops in India 1914-[?1918]

ESR/25AD63

Sergeant John Patrick Evans, 2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: photograph album relating to service in East and Sudan, family letters and photographs c.1935-1976



Forthcoming Events

Six Week Family History Course

Autumn 2019 (Fridays, 10am-1pm): 20 September, 27 September, 4 October, 11 October, 18 October, 25 October

Run by professional genealogists and archivists this six-week course will cover all you need to know to enhance your research as well as providing many tips of the trade.

£80 – booked as a complete six-week course.

Romany and Traveller Family History Society Open Day

Saturday 12 October, 10.30am-3.30pm

Come and find out about your Romany Gypsy, Traveller or Fairground ancestors at this RTFHS Open Day at Surrey History Centre. Specialist books and guides on sale. Family history displays. Research helpdesk. At 2.00pm Beverley Walker, Secretary of the RTFHS, will talk about how to research your Romany Gypsy family tree.

For full details of this event, see <https://rtfhs.org.uk/events> or contact enquiries@rtfhs.org.uk

Annual Surrey Heritage Showcase

Saturday 16 October, 10am-4pm

Staines Methodist Church, Thames Street, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 4SD

This year our Showcase will be held in partnership with Spelthorne Museum and Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group, to mark the 50th anniversary of the first major excavations in the area. Join us for a day of FREE talks, activities and exhibitions for all the family to discover more about your local heritage and meet the people who make it happen!

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Forthcoming Events

The Carol, the Carter and the Collectors: a talk by Irene Shettle

Saturday 2 November, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Surrey History Centre

Irene Shettle is an expert on English folk song, and this talk will explore Surrey's close links with the music for the carol, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem.'

Tickets £5.00. It is advisable to book early as places are limited.

Surrey in the Great War: a county remembers.

In the Shadow of the Great War. Surrey 1914-1922

Saturday 9 November times 2pm-4.00pm

Surrey History Centre

Join us to celebrate the launch of a book that tells the enthralling story of Home Front Surrey, *In the Shadow of the Great War: Surrey 1914-1922* (edited by Kirsty Bennett, Imogen Middleton, Michael Page and Juliet Warren). This launch marks the conclusion of our Heritage Lottery Funded project, 'Surrey in the Great War: a County Remembers' Tickets are free. It is advisable to book early as places are limited.

People, Places and Events -Local History from Journals and Magazines

Surrey Local History Committee Autumn Meeting

Saturday 30 November , time tbc

Speakers will include a member of staff from the Royal Society and Amy Williams from the Royal Horticultural Society who will discuss the value of periodicals in their libraries for Surrey's local history; Carole Garrard, our Local Studies Librarian, on periodicals in our collections and Julian Pooley on what the *Gentleman's Magazine* tells us about Surrey and its people in the 18th century.

Tickets £12.00 in advance £15.00 on the day. You can book online at www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events with card payment using Paypal. It is advisable to book early as places are limited. Morning and afternoon refreshments are included, but please make your own arrangements for lunch. It is recommended to bring a packed lunch as there are no cafes near the History Centre.



33 Josephine Avenue, Brixton

Barbara Beaumont [10397]

My first visit to 33 Josephine Avenue took place on 18 August 1953, the day my family moved down to Brixton from Stockton-on-Tees. We spent our first night in the big city at No. 33, the home of Auntie Rose and Auntie Dolly. I was six years old. Over the next few years, this house was to become a second home to me. At that time I had no idea that various members of my family had lived in it since the late 1930s, including my great-grandparents, my grandparents, several great-aunts and my mother, who had spent many of her teenage years there.

No. 33 was a large three-storey terrace house in Brixton, which had

been elegant in its day, but had moved down the social scale. In 1936 three generations of my forebears took up residence there when what had previously been two households combined. One household consisted of my mother, Audrey, and her parents, Nan and Bob **Beaumont**, who moved from Islington, where they had lived since Nan had married Bob in 1922. The other, previously resident in Kennington, consisted of Nan's parents, Annie and Benjamin **Stapleton**, and three of their adult children, Nan's unmarried sisters, Dolly aged forty, Rose aged thirty-eight and Maud aged thirty-four. Accompanying the Stapleton family



33 Josephine Avenue, Brixton

was twenty-year-old Pearl **Pocock**, who had lodged with the Stapletons at Kennington. Six women and two men!

The decision to join forces was brought about because of Annie's deteriorating health. At that time in her late sixties, she suffered from digestive problems and had had an eye removed because of cancer behind the eye. She was struggling to continue running the household, so the agreement was that Nan would take on this role for the combined household.

Audrey was twelve and had recently started secondary school at Dame Alice Owen's Girls' School in Islington, so for her the move created a dilemma. Should she stay at the school with her friends and the familiar routine, or leave and attend a school nearer to her new home? Although the former involved a long tram journey, that was her choice. She wrote:

"[The journey] took about three quarters of an hour each way and cost 3^d a day, scholar's return. The trams were very crowded in the morning as the route passed over Westminster Bridge, along the Embankment and through the Kingsway Subway, which ran underground from Waterloo Bridge to Southampton Row. Coming up at Southampton Row, the driver

often had to stop on a steep slope, swinging the brake mechanism round and round. I always feared he would let us run back but we never did. Coming home the tram was half empty and I put the time to good use by doing my homework."

Despite the long journey, Audrey was pleased with the arrangement. She had spent many weekends with her grandparents and aunts in the Kennington house, so knew them all well. Sharing a home with them full time was, she said, like having three more mothers, all of whom doted on her. Not only did she have the luxury of her own bedroom but, shortly after they moved in, Auntie Maud brought home the longed-for pet, a dog, aptly named Chum, who became a dearly loved companion. On weekend afternoons, when the adults retired to their beds for a nap, Audrey often took him for walks around the neighbourhood.

Life was always lively with so many people in the house, and other Stapleton siblings visiting frequently. The kitchen was the main living area, full of noisy, happy family life, and in the midst of the hubbub Audrey did her homework, developing a fierce concentration that enabled her to completely shut out her surroundings,

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an ability that remained with her all her life.

Shortly after the move, the Crystal Palace, which had been relocated from Hyde Park to Sydenham Hill in South London, burnt down on 30 November 1936, in a massive conflagration which took over 400 firemen to bring under control. Audrey remembered seeing the glow from the fire lighting up the night sky.

At first all went well in the new home although money was always tight. Bob was a storeman at the leather firm Garstin's, and earned an average wage. Rose and Dolly were both low-paid book folders; Rose preferred to work on a casual basis, which was better paid when work was available, while Dolly earned a steady wage. Maud was unable to work because of her asthma and had only a small sick pay allowance. Annie and Benjamin had only their old age pensions. These were the Depression years, when many lost their job and in the late thirties Bob was one of the unfortunate ones, even though he had worked at Garstin's all his working life.

This created a financial crisis, which was solved by the decision to take in boarders. Two men, Bill, a fireman, and Harry, 'a bit slow' according to Audrey, joined the household. To make space for them,

others had to double up, so Audrey had to give up her own room and share a bedroom with her Aunts Rose and Maud. She commented:

I complained bitterly about having to share with Aunts Maud and Rose. Maud rustled a hundred paper bags before retiring and Rose snored. She was a very heavy sleeper and owned one of those old-fashioned alarm clocks with bells on top. This she placed in an enamel bowl near her head. You can imagine! My mother produced a large screen which did nothing for the noise but did shade me from the light.

The threat of war with Germany had been intensifying throughout the thirties. Preparations for the protection of the civilian population included plans to evacuate school children from the cities to the country. In 1939 Anderson shelters were distributed to those who were in areas likely to be bombed, which of course included Brixton. Anderson shelters were made of curved sheets of corrugated iron, and were designed to be half buried and topped with a layer of soil. They accommodated a family of six. The Beaumont/Stapleton family assembled their shelter in the back garden. I can't help wondering if they had two, as they could not all have fitted into one. At the start of war,

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everyone was issued with a gas mask, which was to be carried at all times.

Audrey's Auntie Win, the youngest of the Stapleton sisters, did not live with the rest of the family, but had a live-in job at Mark House, down in Somerset. During her teenage years Audrey often visited in her school holidays. Mark House was a farm, which also took in paying guests. Audrey enjoyed the country life, helping to groom the horses and going out on rides with the paying guests. She was on one of these visits when war was declared, so she missed the mass evacuation of her school to Kettering and had to travel up alone later. She still had a year of school to do to obtain her School Certificate.

Towards the end of the year that Audrey was away her grandfather died. In July 1940, having completed her School Certificate exams, Audrey returned to her family in Brixton. Although she had excellent results, there was no chance of staying on at school as the sixth form had been disbanded. The first year of the war became known as the Phoney War, as nothing much seemed to happen, but all this was about to change. In September 1940 Hitler unleashed the intensive bombing campaign, known as the Blitz, on London.

After a period of unemployment, Bob had obtained a civil service job as a storeman at the Woolwich Arsenal. He was at work there when the Blitz was launched. At home the family could see the smoke and fires coming from that direction, and as the time ticked by, and he did not appear, they became more and more convinced that he could not have survived. Audrey described his return:

Great joy when a small blackened figure turned up hours afterwards. Able-bodied and uninjured men were asked to help clear the roads of overturned and burnt-out vehicles. Then when he set off for home on foot every road seemed to have fires or unexploded bombs and it was a case of, "Can't come down here mate." Eventually he found a tram running and staggered in exhausted.

A few days later Bob was posted to the Ordnance Depot at Greenford, so Bob, Nan and Audrey moved to Greenford, taking the widowed Annie with them. In 1941 Pearl married and moved out. The Stapleton sisters stayed at Josephine Avenue. The space left by the departure of the Beaumonts, Annie Stapleton and Pearl was soon filled by family friends Lou Oliver and her daughter Mary, whose home had been bombed.

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In early 1950, Maud married her next door neighbour, Swiss national Jean (John) **Savoie**, and moved into the lower part of No. 31. Rose and Dolly continued to live at No. 33. A room was kept for Win, which she stayed in when visiting. The Olivers moved out and the upper part of the house was rented out to another family.

So when I visited with my parents and my younger sister, from 1953 onwards, the household at No. 33 consisted only of Auntie Rose and Auntie Dolly, with occasional visits from Auntie Win. Auntie Maud and Uncle Jean were next door. We always headed straight for the warm haven of Auntie Rose's kitchen. Auntie Rose loved children, for whom she seemed to have a natural understanding, and we loved her in return. In my mother's words:

'Rose was the real character. She had been a holy terror in her youth, despaired of by all the family. She was fat, scruffy, untidy and totally lovable, both to me and later to my children.'

The kitchen, with a 'scullery' behind it, was the hub of the

house. The adults would sit around the small table and while they talked, my sister and I could play. We might build with the collection of wedge-shaped firewood which Auntie Rose always had, or listen to children's stories on her gramophone. Or we could go out the front, where there was an area of overgrown shrubbery common to the whole terrace, great for adventure games; or visit Auntie Maud and Uncle Jean next door and play with Zampa, their dog. If it was warm enough, we could go into the (unheated) front room and try on the bridesmaids' dresses, one green and one lilac, that were kept there. We knew that these had been worn by our mother and 'Auntie' Mary Jordan long ago when they were girls. I later discovered that this was at the wedding of Mum's relative Ernie **Robbins** to Louisa (née **Hunt**) in 1936.



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We saw less of Auntie Dolly. She had a room on the half-landing, which must have been a sort of bed-sit, as my main memory of it is of being invited for pancakes one Pancake Tuesday. Eaten with lemon and sugar, they were delicious.

In the hall was a door leading down to a cellar, where I was never allowed to go. The reason given was that it was damp as a river flowed underneath. I imagined a broad gleaming river running right through the cellar and was rather afraid of the idea, so did not protest at being banned. There was substance to this story – the River Effra had once flowed freely through Brixton, but had been contained underground as London developed.

Sometimes there were family parties. In the front room we would sit around the large table to enjoy tea – a salad, neatly arranged on a plate with Heinz salad cream to accompany it, with bread and butter, followed, of course, by cake. Then it was time for some entertainment. Auntie Rose would seat herself at the piano, and the rest of us would gather round and sing the old Music Hall songs – ‘My Old Man Said Follow the Van’, ‘Clementine’, ‘A Bicycle Made for Two’ and many others. In the corner stood a drinks cabinet containing a bottle of

a thick yellow drink called Advocaat, which was apparently Auntie Rose’s favourite. I don’t remember alcoholic drinks ever being part of these gatherings. Perhaps the grown-ups waited until my sister and I were tucked up in bed in Auntie Rose’s first-floor bedroom, happily drifting off to sleep as the sounds of the adults continuing the sing-song downstairs floated up to us.

On the occasions when we stayed the night, the next morning Uncle Jean would take us children, accompanied by Zampa, down to Brixton market, where he would buy us an ice-cream. Another treat was going to nearby Brockwell Park to play in the playground which had swings, swing boats, a long rocking horse which seated six or seven kids, and a roundabout. In summer we visited the Lido. Auntie Rose was a good swimmer and would give us rides on her back. It was there that I took my first swimming strokes, and there that I screwed up my courage to go down the steep water chute.

The Josephine Avenue era came to an end in the late nineteen fifties. The Stapleton aunts had always loved Herne Bay, and were able to retire there. A whole new chapter of seaside visits opened for me and my family.



Website round up

Brian Hudson

London Cemeteries 1

<https://tinyurl.com/yypsq6y2>

This URL will take you to a Google maps page. It shows the locations of major London cemeteries, from Brookwood in the west to Caterham in the south. The who, what, when,

and why of this map is not mentioned anywhere.

Note: It does not include most central London churchyards.

London cemeteries 2

<http://londoncemeteries.co.uk/list-of-cemeteries>

This gives a more straightforward list of London cemeteries.

Several East Surrey area cemeteries are on the list and, using the menu on the right of the page there are several different categories to choose from.

Some of the entries have a description with pictures, like

Camberwell Old Cemetery that has 37 but others have very little; Merton and Sutton for example has only two pictures and no descriptions.

The site does not appear to have been updated for some time but then the history and scenery will probably not have changed much in the last few years.

Dr Barnardo's orphanage and school

<http://goldings.org>

In 1921 the Goldings Estate in Hertfordshire was sold to Dr Barnardo's Homes for use as an

orphanage, and renamed the William Baker Technical School. In 1967 the orphanage closed and Goldings was

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purchased by Hertfordshire County Council which, some 30 years later, sold it to a property company to be converted into apartments.

The website, which is not connected to Dr Barnardo's, has many pages of information and pictures about the school, pupils and staff. There are numerous names within the pages and, if you have an interest in someone with a Barnardo's

background, there may be something of interest to be found. Otherwise just enjoy a good read about the life and times of the school.

One weakness of the website is the lack of a menu (except on the first page). The easiest way to return to the page is either use the browser back button or click on the school crest at the top left of the page.

British merchant seamen and fishermen Prisoners of War in WW1

<http://spw-surrey.com/MT9>

This is an index of an original document, reference MT9/1238, held at the National Archives (NA) and is a list of merchant seamen and fishermen detained as POWs in Germany, possibly at the Ruhleben POW camp near Berlin, as well as in Austria-Hungary and Turkey. The Board of Trade Printed the list on 31st May 1918 and it contains about 3000 names.

There is a full and interesting explanation about how these records

were produced in the first place.

There are also useful links to images of original NA documents, such as the questionnaire used when interned prisoners of war returned home, information on prisoner release dates and much more.

Other related NA documents and articles are also available from the menu at the top of the page.

The website is the work of one person who has a personal interest through an Uncle, one such POW.



Catholic Ancestor: articles of potential interest

Sylvia Dibbs

While making a master index to the Catholic Family History Society Journal, *Catholic Ancestor* and its forerunner *ECA Journal*, I noticed the following articles relating to Surrey. They may be of help to East Surrey Family History Society members.

Catholicism in Kingston-upon-Thames from the Reformation to 1850

Volume 05 Number 4 / February 1995

Catholicism In 18th century south London: new evidence from the Surrey
Quarter Sessions Records

Volume 05 Number 5 / June 1995

The Kendon Family Of Richmond, Surrey

Volume 11 Number 6 / December 2007

The Surrey History Centre

Volume 16 Number 4 / April 2017

All these issues can be downloaded for a small cost from the Catholic Family History Society section of www.genfair.co.uk, or follow the link from <http://catholicfhs.online>.



The families they left behind

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Mayflower 400 Commemorations: can you help?

Devon FHS is hosting a Mayflower International Genealogical Conference in Plymouth on 29th August 2020. Of course, the only Plymouth/Mayflower connection is that Plymouth in Devon was the last port of call before the Mayflower finally left England. Are you descended from one of the Mayflower passengers' families left behind in 17th century England? I hope that some family history society members are interested in

contributing to 'The families they left behind' project.

If I get enough interest and responses, I plan to create a booklet containing that research, obviously attributed to individuals or societies. It will be available at the conference and for distribution afterwards. So much has been done on the Mayflower descendants in the US, it would be great if we could say "They came from here - and here's my family connection!"



Any enquiries about membership should be addressed to Ann Turnor, Membership Secretary.

Enquiries about Members' Interests should be sent to Peter Grant.

The Editor welcomes articles for publication. They should preferably be sent as an email attachment and as a .doc, .txt or .rtf file. Accompanying photographs or other graphics should be sent as a .jpg or .png file.

All submissions should be sent to the editor, Chris Green.

Contact details for all the above are on the front inside cover.

A family secret

Roger Sutton [6586]

My first memory of my gt-grandmother, who was born Florence Emily **Ward** (1864-1953), dates back to the 1940s. I was a small boy staying with my gt-uncle and gt-aunt in Lower Kingswood, Surrey.

They lived in a detached bungalow at the end of a cul-de-sac. The bungalow had a large garden, consisting mainly of an apple orchard and a tennis court. The ground was strewn with large cooking apples that were going rotten, and they were being eaten by huge slugs. Two ducks (originally owned by my parents) patrolled contentedly around the orchard.

Uncle worked in the advertising department of London Transport and so he was in London all day. I was looked after by Auntie Kit. She had thick white hair and much of this had a ginger hue. She was also a very heavy smoker. Eventually she gave up smoking after a serious operation for cancer. Her only child was her son Haines, who had died when his sports car crashed on an icy road in Kent when he was only 19. I had the impression that he had been rather spoilt. After all, his parents must have bought him the sports car.

Auntie was a kind lady who looked after me well. I was taken to London several times on the bus. At this time

London Country buses had two huge eyes in the front of the upper deck. I was also taken to visit Auntie's elderly parents, who lived a short bus ride away. My gt-grandfather was Frederick John **Hainsworth** (1862-1950) who was born 30 July 1862 at St Pancras (London). My gt-grandmother was born on 10 September 1864 at Kennington. It is amazing to think that both were born before Germany became a united country in 1871.

My gt-grandparents' cottage was festooned with fly-papers hanging from the ceiling, all of which were covered in dead flies. There was also a stuffed parrot in a glass case. When alive, the parrot would have belonged to 'Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese', the famous City of London pub where my gt-grandfather had been the restaurant manager. He was a generous man, and used to give gold sovereigns to London's poor. He had retired at the age of 50, saying that he was exhausted.

Twentieth-century fashion had had no impact on my gt-grandmother. She dressed all in black, with her skirt reaching down to the floor. She looked like a character out of Charles Dickens. Her father was James Ward (1837-1915), a solicitor's clerk. He married Eliza **Boteler** (1837-1883) on 21 November 1858 at St Andrew,

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Holborn. As a result of Eliza's early death James remarried in 1886; his second wife was a widow, Julia Ann **Hudson**.

The family secret that is the subject of this article centres on William Coram Boteler (1801-1884). He was Florence Emily Ward's grandfather, and had been born on 1 December 1801 at Clerkenwell. The name 'Coram' provides a clue as to his origins: his father John Boteler had been christened on 5 April 1780 at St Pancras Foundling Hospital, which had been opened by Thomas Coram in 1741. Infants were placed in a basket outside the door, which was connected to a bell. No attempt was made to trace the mother.

William Coram Boteler had numerous occupations during his long life: bookbinder, storybook maker, songwriter, music master, dancing master; and Secretary of the Bookbinders' Association. I have been told that in the last role there is evidence he was something of a rabble-rouser. He married Amelia **Kendon**, who was a Roman Catholic. Their first child, Emily Boteler, was born in Dublin on 17 April 1826, suggesting that Amelia had family in Ireland. The evidence suggests that her mother, born Mary Ann **Layfield**, was probably from that country.

Several more children were born to Amelia, but by 1841 she was living at 9 York Place, Richmond (now called Richmond Hill) with her children but not with her husband. Was she, perhaps, being supported by her parents? William started a relationship with Charlotte Caroline **Bridgman**, who was 22 years his junior. Had she been one of his pupils in his role of Dancing Master? Their first child William Stewart was born on 2 February 1845. Numerous other children were born to this couple. They married bigamously on 19 October 1856 at Bloomsbury Register Office. The evidence was that Amelia had gone down in the world. By 1851 she was a charwoman, living in the parish of St Clement Dane, Westminster, with her daughter and grand-daughter, both of whom were named Emily. Amelia spent the latter part of her life with James Ward's family. She died in 1879, so my gt-grandmother would have lived with her. Not a word about William Coram Boteler's bigamous marriage has come down to me.

William Coram died on 8 December 1884 aged 83, so he outlived his daughter (and my gt-gt-grandmother) Eliza Boteler, who died in 1883 aged only 46. His second wife died in 1899 at West Ham.

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His first wife, Amelia Kendon, had a brother Henry Thomas (1800-1874). He was a Professor of Dancing and Dancing Master to the Royal Family. A Court Circular from 1829 describes a grand entertainment given by the Duke and Duchess of Clarence, at

Bushy Park, to the young Queen of Portugal. Cabinet Ministers and most of the neighbouring nobility and gentry attended. Mr Henry Kendon, Dancing Master to the Queen, officiated as Master of Ceremonies to the juveniles.



Can you help?

Newington Place

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I am seeking any information on Newington Place, in the parish of Newington, Greater London, formerly County of Surrey. I should be especially interested to learn if there was a Newington House in the 1900s at or near this location. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Parker

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I am hoping that one of your members may have a connection to an Alfred Parker who married Gertrude Midgley at Ripon, Yorkshire on 9 February 1917. If I have the correct person in the 1939 Register, Alfred is described as a 'watchmaker', born 29 May 1891, living with Gertrude at 3 Transvaal Cottages, Wick Road, Egham.

Seven generations of lightermen

Juliet Bailey

Before the London docks were built in the 19th and 20th centuries ships anchored in the middle of the Thames because their draft was too great for the shallow edges. Flat-bottomed lighters moved the cargo from ship to quay to riverside factory — westward when the tide was coming in, eastward on the ebb tide. Lighters were unpowered, relying on the current and long oars, and moving them was a highly skilled job, requiring detailed knowledge of currents and tides as well as a lot of muscle power. Lightermen did not move the cargo — that was the job of dockers — but were responsible for the loading and recording of the cargo. Incorrectly stowed cargo could shift in transit resulting in loss of both lighter and cargo. The number of lightermen peaked at about 4,000 between the two World Wars and declined after containers were introduced in the 1930s. They can still be found towing barges down the Thames today, now often filled with rubbish.

The Company of Watermen of the River Thames was founded in 1514 to license watermen between Gravesend (Kent) and Windsor (Berkshire) — watermen moved people rather than goods. Apprenticeships began in 1555. Apprentices had to be between 14 and 20 at binding and

took seven years to complete. In 1700 the lightermen joined the Company — technically a guild rather than a livery company — and apprenticeships were introduced for them also.¹ Modern day apprentices gain the MCA National Boat Master's Licence.

When I started researching the **Rose** branch of my family, lighterman appeared multiple times, always in Southwark and Bermondsey where the family lived from at least the late 1600s until after WW2. So I obtained a list of all the Rose apprentice bindings (these give the apprentice's name, binding and finishing date, master and parish) and set about tracing my ancestors.² It was very common for masters and apprentices to be related: 67% (20 of 30) pairs in my family are related, as can be seen in Table 1, which gives details of all my lighterman relatives. Many lightermen moved to other work later on which, given the physical and dangerous nature of the work, is not surprising. In general, I have not commented on these changes in profession. The family trees for all seven generations are in Figures 1 and 2.

Generation 1

The story starts in 1698 with Thomas Rose son of John, a mariner, and Elizabeth **Prior** who married on 6

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February 1697. Thomas completed his apprenticeship in 1722 and married Ann **Hale** on 20 September 1730. John and Elizabeth probably had a second son, John junior, who was also apprenticed to be a lighterman but he seems to have died during his apprenticeship, possibly in 1717 aged 17.

Generation 2

Thomas and Ann's son John was born in about 1740 and took nine rather than seven years to complete his apprenticeship. Apprentices were not usually allowed to marry but John married Eleanor **Downey** on 15 January 1764, just before he finished.

Generation 3

John and Eleanor had seven children between 1765 and 1778 and four of their five sons (William, John, George and Joseph) were apprenticed as lightermen, three of them to their father (Table 1).

- William married Frances **Wheeler** in 1792 but neither of his two sons became lightermen.
- John married twice and his sons continued the line into Generation 4 (see below).
- George married Hannah **Smith** in 1794. His son William did not follow his father's profession, but it is possible that George (born circa 1808:

Table 1) is another son, but I have not been able to confirm this. If so, George Jr. was apprenticed to a relative (John Smith) but did not finish. George Sr. lived to be 78 and gave lighterman as his occupation in the 1841 census when he was over 70.

- Joseph died, unmarried, in 1803, just one year after completing his apprenticeship.

Generation 4

John's first marriage was to Elizabeth **Porter** on 20 September 1792. They had two sons, John and William Porter who both became lightermen. After Elizabeth's death in 1796, John married Ann Smith on 12 April 1797. John and Ann had nine children between 1798 and 1814, and six of their seven sons became lightermen, making eight sons who followed John's profession. Before moving on to look at them, there were other things going on in John's life.

John started his apprenticeship in 1780 but on 6 February 1784 was apprenticed to Nathaniel **Scarlett**, glover, for seven years.³ It's not clear why John retrained: possibly he had an injury and thought he might not be able to carry on as a lighterman or perhaps he just did not enjoy the trade. Either way, he completed both apprenticeships, although he does not

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seem to have worked as a glover as his trade is listed as lighterman in numerous later records.

On 3 March 1793 one John Rose married an Ann **Blundell** in St John, Horselydown. Then, on 6 October 1796, Ann Blundell (spinster) married Matthew **Welch** in St Saviour, Southwark. As I have found no evidence for another John Rose of the right age in Southwark, and Ann is listed as a spinster in both marriages, perhaps John had an affair with Ann and entered into a bigamous marriage. Presumably he was found out and the marriage was annulled (or ignored), leaving Ann free to marry again as a spinster. Once Elizabeth died, John could have legally married Ann Blundell but she had already married Matthew. Whatever went on, several online trees attribute some of the children from the marriage of John and Ann Smith to John and Ann Blundell, and miss the marriages to Elizabeth Porter and Ann Smith. I could be wrong, but having carefully checked the parish records, I think I am correct. It just shows that careful checking of everything is essential.

As mentioned above, eight of John's sons became lightermen, forming Generation 4.

- John did not finish his apprenticeship as he may have joined

the navy, possibly not by choice as 'recruitment' of lightermen by press-gang was common until forbidden in 1859. A John Rose is listed on HMS Enterprise in the list of London Watermen in the Royal Navy (1803-09).⁴ I've not yet been able to trace John beyond this but records suggest he married and had at least one son who was not a lighterman.

- William Porter married Dinah **Mears** on 28 September 1818 but had no children.

- George married Elizabeth **Gibson** on 15 March 1819 and had two sons who both became lightermen.

- Joseph married Ann Hunt **Henderson**, on 14 Jan 1823 and they had five children, all boys and three followed their father as lightermen. After she died he married Ann **Pavey** but had no more children.

- Thomas **Plant** married Sarah **Walker** on 26 August 1824 and had eight children. Their eldest son followed his father into the profession and several of their other sons worked on the river, but not as lightermen.

- David married Ann **Hobcraft** on 8 March 1825 and had eight children. Two of his three sons were apprenticed.

- James married Frances **Turner** on 28 September 1831. They had two

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children – both boys - who followed their father's profession.

- Henry married Margaret Elizabeth **Pond** on 1 January 1834 and had three children but none became lightermen. After Margaret died he married Mary **Reason** but had no more children.

John senior passed on the Freedom of the City of London from his completed apprenticeship as a glover to his sons: William Porter (1817), George (1818), Joseph (1820),

Thomas Plant (undated), Philip (the son who did not become a lighterman, 1829) and Henry (1838). Some of his grandsons also benefitted (see below).³

In 1827, a list was compiled of all the Free Watermen in London including John and George Rose (Generation 3), William Porter Rose, George Rose, David Rose and Thomas Plant Rose (Generation 4).⁴

to be continued

1. More information about the role of lightermen and the foundation, past and current roles of the Company can be found at: <https://watermenscompany.com/>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Company_of_Watermen_and_Lightermen; and <http://www.thamesbargediving.co.uk/index.html>

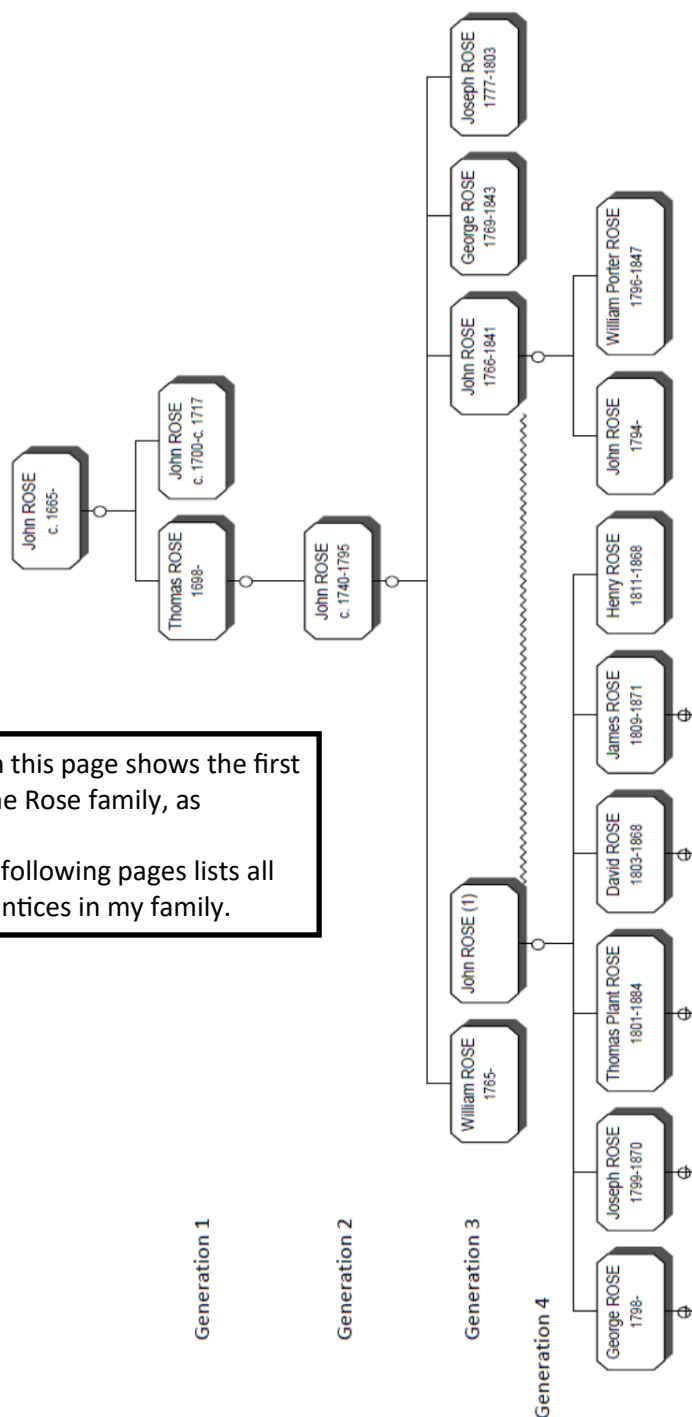
2. A CD with over 65,000 binding records compiled by Rob Cottrell can be bought from http://www.parishregister.com/watermen_and_lightermen.html. A key text is *My Ancestors were Watermen - A Guide to Tracing Your Watermen & Lightermen Ancestors* by James Legon, available from the same site. Many additional records, such as Quarterage and Court of Complaint books, are held at Guildhall Library, <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/guildhall-library/Pages/default.aspx>.

3. Some records have been digitised on www.ancestry.co.uk including the apprentice records for John Rose and freedom of the City of London records for several of his sons. Parish registers for relevant churches are available on the same site as are some wills, including for William Porter Rose and the first John Rose. Some other wills are available via <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/>.

4. The list of Waterman in the Royal Navy, 1808-1809, and a list of Free Watermen in 1827 are available at www.findmypast.co.uk.

The pedigree chart on this page shows the first four generations of the Rose family, as described in the text.

The table on the following pages lists all the Lightermen apprentices in my family.



Name	Parents	Birth year	Date of Birth
Thomas	John & Elizabeth (Prior)	1698	28/7/1698
John	John & Elizabeth (Prior)	1700	c1700
John	Probably Thomas & Ann (Hale)	1740	1740
William	John & Eleanor (Downey)	1765	1/1/1765
John	John & Eleanor (Downey)	1766	13/6/1766
George	John & Eleanor (Downey)	1769	27/1/1769
Joseph	John & Eleanor (Downey)	1777	18/12/1777
John	John & Elizabeth (Porter)	1794	20/3/1794
William Porter	John & Elizabeth (Porter)	1796	11/5/1796
George	John & Ann (Smith)	1798	12/4/1798
Joseph	John & Ann (Smith)	1799	13/11/1799
Thomas Plant	John & Ann (Smith)	1801	11/8/1801
David	John & Ann (Smith)	1803	24/9/1803
George	Possibly George & Hannah (Smith)	1808	c1808
James	John & Ann (Smith)	1809	10/5/1809
Henry	John & Ann (Smith)	1811	9/8/1811
George Edward	George & Elizabeth (Gibson)	1820	11/1/1820
David	David & Ann (Hobcraft)	1825	7/9/1825
Edwin	George & Elizabeth (Gibson)	1822	1/2/1822
Joseph	Joseph & Ann (Henderson)	1825	18/11/1825
John Thomas	Joseph & Ann (Henderson)	1827	15/11/1827
Alfred Ireland	Thomas Plant & Sarah (Walker)	1828	8/4/1828
James William	James & Frances (Turner)	1832	20/9/1832
William Turner	James & Frances (Turner)	1834	16/8/1834
Charles John	Joseph & Ann (Henderson)	1834	23/2/1834
George	David & Ann (Hobcraft)	1839	25/3/1839
James William	William & Lucy (Howe)	1856	26/2/1856
Charles John	Charles & Mary (Pearce)	1858	21/4/1858
William Turner	William & Lucy (Howe)	1859	4/9/1859
Robert	Charles & Mary (Pearce)	1860	1860
William Thomas	Joseph & Ann Mary (Wigmore)	1861	16/10/1861
Joseph Martin	Robert & Margaret (Hughes)	1882	8/5/1882

Date of binding	Date of completion	Master	Relationship
11/11/1715	18/1/1722	George Lester	
26/3/1714	did not finish	John Dobson	
25/7/1755	9/3/1764	William Chapman	
28/1/1779	23/2/1786	John Rose	father
20/7/1780	9/8/1787	Joseph Carter	
20/2/1783	2/9/1790	John Rose	father
7/6/1792	4/3/1802	John Rose	father
6/5/1809	did not finish	Edward Scott	
6/9/1810	25/9/1817	George Rose	uncle
6/4/1812	3/6/1819	John Rose	father
25/11/1813	3/5/1821	William Rose	uncle
28/9/1815	20/7/1826	James Bradley	
23/10/1817	11/11/1824	John Rose	father
30/5/1822	did not finish	John Smith	uncle / grandfather?
9/3/1820	14/5/1829	Thomas Wapshott	
10/11/1825	Unknown	George Rose Jr.	uncle
12/3/1835	9/6/1842	George Rose	father
13/5/1841	did not finish	David Rose Sr	father
not in apprentice lists but occupation lighterman in 1851 census			
11/2/1841	9/3/1848	Richard Henderson	grandfather
14/4/1842	10/5/1849	John Bonner	
8/9/1842	unknown	James Covington (Sr)	
8/8/1850	did not finish	James Rose	father
10/7/1851	9/9/1858	Samuel Charles Everitt	
12/12/1848	13/12/1855	Joseph Rose	father
12/5/1853	Went to sea	David Rose	father
17/5/1870	11/10/1881	William Turner Rose	father
10/9/1872	14/10/1879	Thomas Pearce	grandfather
10/3/1874	8/11/1883	William Turner Rose	father
8/8/1876	11/12/1883	John Thomas Rose	uncle
not in apprentice lists but occupation lighterman in 1891 census			
12/11/1896	8/12/0903	Robert Rose	father

Tech Topic – Keyboard Shortcuts for Windows 10

Brian Hudson

These keyboard sequences take advantage of the power options available in the shutdown menu that appears when you press the **Windows Logo*** (**WL**) and **X** keys together.

After pressing the **Windows Logo** and **X** keys the power menu appears.

To shut down:

Press the **U** key and then the **U** key again and Windows will shut

down. This can be done as one quick sequence i.e. **WL+ X, U, U**.

To restart:

Press the **R** key instead of the second **U** (i.e. **WL+ X, U, R**).

The key sequences for **Hibernate** and **Sleep** are **WL+ X, U, H** and **WL+ X, U, S** respectively.



*The position of the Windows Logo key is shown here (on some keyboards the Windows Logo key may have 'start' written on it).



A snippet from the Research Centre

Peter Heather [0200]

At a recent meeting at Lingfield Lady Mary Teviot pointed out that, despite the tendency for succeeding generations to enhance a family story, there is often a nugget of truth in them. This certainly proved to be the case after the Research Centre received an email from Australia, although not quite in the way expected.

A snippet from the Research Centre

The writer was seeking more information about her gt-gt-grandfather, George Emory **Langley**, who she believed had been born in Bedford in about 1810 and had four children there before moving to Camberwell, where a further two children were born between 1842 and 1845. He then emigrated to Australia with the family to start a new life. The family story was that George had been the mayor of a town in England before he left these shores.

Tracing a mayor in England in the early Victorian period is very difficult. There were then many towns who had their own mayor, many of whom would have only served for a year or so. Camberwell was not a borough during the period in question, while Bedford, where George seems to have spent most of his early life, does not mention him as ever being its mayor.

However, George's second name is unusual and so a search was carried out; and this revealed a connection with mayoralty, albeit in a rather different context.

On 10 May 1847 George appeared before the Lord Mayor of London at the Old Bailey charged with embezzlement. A transcription of the trial in the excellent *Old Bailey Online* and a further report in the *Magnet*

newspaper a week after the trial gave further details.

George was 37 years old, which fitted exactly with an estimated date of birth of 1810 in Bedford and, as further confirmation, four men from Bedford gave evidence of George's good character. George had been employed for three years at £150 a year (worth over £100,000 now) and pleaded guilty to the theft of £300. However, his employer estimated that a considerably larger sum had disappeared.

Fortunately for George, the death penalty for theft had been abolished 15 years before and so the Lord Mayor sentenced him to seven years' transportation to Australia. That explained why George had no more children born in England and his 'emigration' to Australia, even though that was not quite as voluntary as he subsequently made out. As there is no evidence that any of the money was recovered, George had enough reserves to pay for his wife and children to join him in Australia.

The family's subsequent prosperity made the claim to rather more respectability than George was entitled to understandable and it was interesting to shine a little more light on George's likely mayoral connection.



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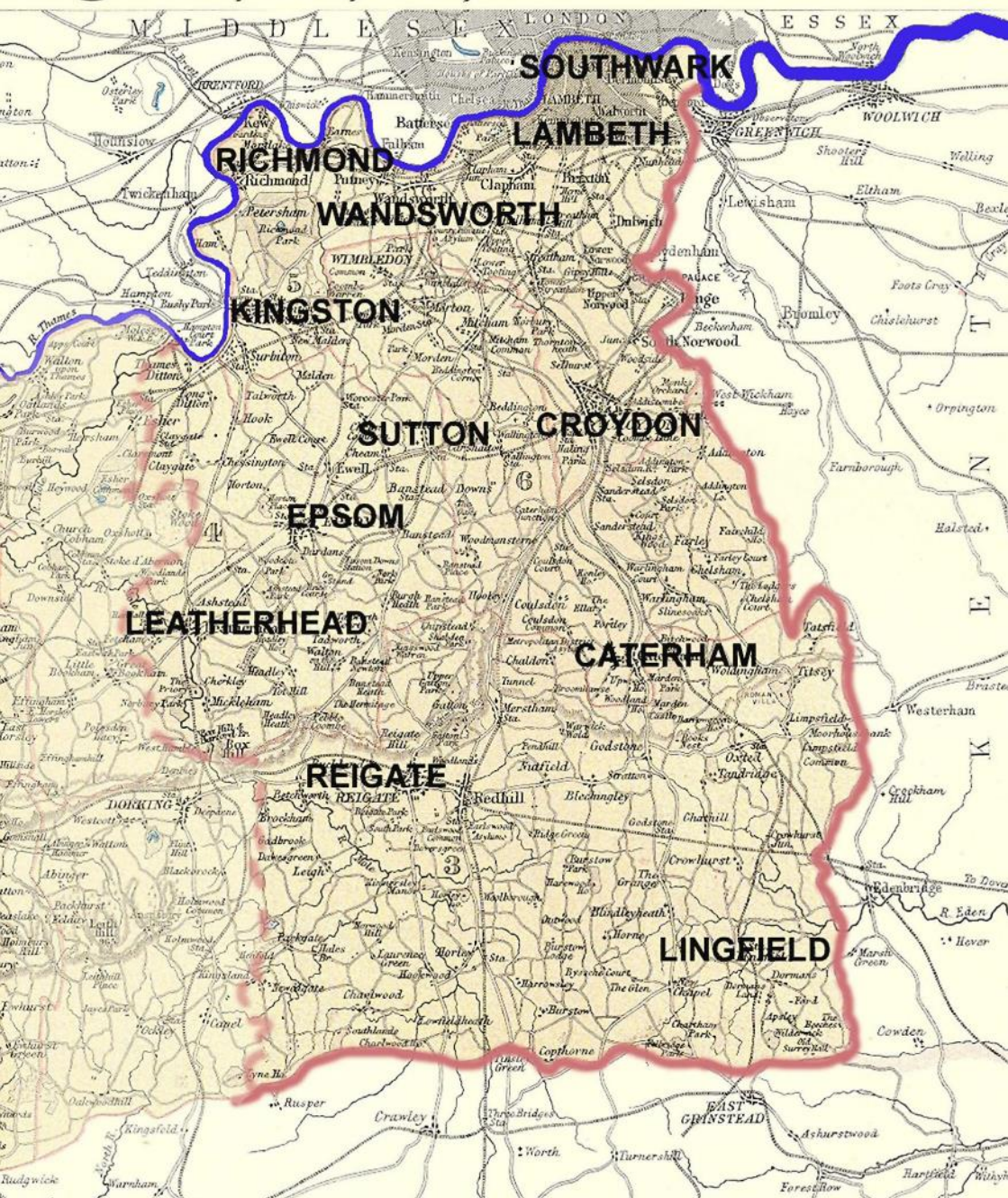
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